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SUBJEC: CSU BLASTS ALBRECHT'S EXAMPLE OF COALITION-BUILDING

1. UNDER HEADLINE "COALITION IN HANNOVER: NO LESSON (LEHRSTUECK)," JANUARY 22 ISSUE OF CSU ORGAN BAYERN KURIER BLASTS LOWER SAXONY MINISTER-PRESIDENT ALBRECHT'S COALITION AGREEMENT WITH FDP. ARTICLE MAINTAINS THAT IF ANYONE TAUGHT ANYONE A LESSON THROUGH THE COALITION-BUILDING IN HANNOVER, IT WAS LOWER SAXONY FDP WHICH DID THE TEACHING. BAYERN KURIER PRESENTS FOLLOWING CATALOGUE OF POINTS IN WHICH CSU FEELS ALBRECHT GAVE IN TO FDP.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF RADICALS IN PUBLIC SERVICE: BAYERN KURIER MAINTAINS THAT ALBRECHT, DESPITE WHAT HE HAS SAID PUBLICLY, HAS AGREED DE FACTO TO PRACTICE WHICH IS IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO BASIC POSITION OF CDU LAENDER GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS CDU AS WHOLE.

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3. AMENDMENT OF LAW ON DRAFT: IN LIGHT OF LANGUAGE OF COALITION AGREEMENT, ALBRECHT HAS ALLEGEDLY PUT HIMSELF INTO POSITION WHERE HE MUST GO ALONG WITH ANY NEW ATTEMPT BY BONN COALITION TO AMEND LAW ON MILITARY INDUCTION TO PERMIT SELF-DECLARED CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS TO REFUSE TO SERVE IN BUNDESWEHR.

4. VALUE ADDED TAX: ALBRECHT IS SEEN AS HAVING DEPARTED FROM COMMON CDU:CSU FRONT ON OPPOSITION TO A 2 PERCENT INCREASE IN VAT.

5. EDUCATION: ALBRECHT IS CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING INTACT LOWER SAXONY SCHOOL SYSTEM SHAPED BY SPD AS WELL AS ADOPTION IN TOTO OF FDP POSITION ON UNIVERSITY LAW.

6. VOTING IN BUNDESRAT: ALBRECHT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED HIMSELF TO WORK TO PREVENT BUNDESRAT "CONFRONTATION" WITH DECISION OF BUNDESTAG. WHAT, BAYERN KURIER ASKS, WILL HE DO IN CASES WHERE BONN COALITION CLAIMS SUCH CONFRONTATION EXISTS?

7. COMMENT: CSU IS ITSELF TRYING TO TEACH "LESSON" THAT CDU/FDP COALITION IN LOWER SAXONY CANNOT SERVE AS MODEL FOR CDU (AND CSU) COLLABORATION WITH FDP ON LAENDER OR FEDERAL LEVEL. BAYERN KURIER ARTICLE IS ONE MORE MANIFESTATION OF STRAUSS' CONTINUING HARD LINE TOWARD FDP.BETTS

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